



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:06 pm

**Where:** Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

**Attendants:** Vice Mayor Montano, Chair Wettenstein; Vice Chair Ablaza; Commissioners Bhambhra, Brahmbhatt (6:17pm), Holthaus (6:19pm), C. Nguyen, Peoples, Tsao; Economic Development Manager Edesa Bitbadal, Recording Secretary Rachelle Currie

Excused Absence: Commissioners Ahuja, and M. Nguyen

Unexcused Absence: Commissioners Howard, Nunez and Wong

### I. **Flag Salute**

Chair Wettenstein called the meeting to order at 6:06pm and Commissioner Peoples led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. **Roll Call and Approval of Alternates**

Chair Wettenstein called for Roll. Commissioners Ahuja, Howard, Nunez, M. Nguyen, and Wong were not present.

### III. **Announcements**

Vice Mayor Montano announced that the City Council approved two hotels in CA Circle and grand opening is set by 2016 Super Bowl. She also mentioned that in the same Council meeting, Council approved the Skateboard feasibility study as well as Food Pantry's \$1/month rent of the building in South Main Street.

Commissioner Tsao thanked the Mayor, Ms. Bitbadal for attending the Asian-American Business Council. She mentioned the May 8 "How To Start Business" symposium in Cupertino from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and public is invited.

Commissioner Brahmbhatt updated everyone that he is healing well. He reported to the Commission that he attended March 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting to support Chair Wettenstein and Economic Development Manager Bitbadal's presentation to City Council about the commission work plan and is excited about the electric charging station included in the work plan.

Chair Wettenstein reminded and invited everyone to attend the Chamber of Commerce's Breakfast meeting at the Senior Center from 7:30 am to 9:00am with Republic Services as keynote speakers; mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce had a successful Crab Feed last Friday, March 6.

Economic Development Manager Bitbadal thanked the Chamber of commerce for last month's breakfast meeting when she and the City Manager made a presentation. She informed the Commission that she will be relaying trade show events information to the commission. Ms. Bitbadal attended NAIOP and she learned from that meeting that Milpitas' prices for a 300K sq ft of commercial are reasonable compared to neighboring cities like Fremont, and North San Jose.

She talked about SVEDA – a monthly meeting with Economic Development Managers – and told the Commission that we cannot use the word Super Bowl in promoting the event in community meetings and the committee is called Milpitas Super Community. Ms. Bitbadal mentioned geo-caching, some sort of treasure hunting game, will update commission on this. She thanked the City Council for approving the 2015 Commission Work Plan and mentioned that she will be attending the ICSC conference in Monterey starting this Thursday. Chair inquired if there will be a City booth at ICSC, she replied yes.

Commissioner Brahmbhatt would like to an Apple store perhaps in McCarthy Ranch or in the Transit Area Specific Plan.

### IV. **Public Forum (Please *limit comments to 3 minutes*) – No public present**

**V. Approval of Agenda**

Economic Development Manager Bitbadal asked the Chair if we could add appointments of Commissioners to the Milpitas Bylaws Subcommittee and Milpitas Super Community Committee. Commissioner Peoples made the motion and seconded by Commissioner Brahmbhatt to add the items as Ms. Bitbadal requested.

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 8  
Noes: 0  
Absent: Ahuja, Howard, Nunez, M. Nguyen, Wong  
Abstain: 0

**VI. Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2015 Commission minutes**

Vice Mayor Montano made a correction on her last month's announcement regarding the Town Center re-zone item. This agenda item will be presented to the next Council meeting for approval.

Motion: to approve the February 9, 2015 Economic Development Commission Minutes as amended.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Peoples / Commissioner M. Nguyen

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 5  
Noes: 0  
Absent: Ahuja, Howard, Nunez, M. Nguyen, Wong  
Abstain: Ablaza, Bhambhra, Brahmbhatt, C. Nguyen

**VII. Old Business**

**A. Appointment of Commissioners to Bylaws Subcommittee**

Ms. Bitbadal gave an overview of the current bylaws, and suggested to compare with other Cities' Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Peoples asked Recording Secretary about the number of members for a quorum to be established. Ms. Currie replied 6 Commissioners. Vice Mayor Montano asked if it's possible to get bylaws samples from other cities and Economic Development Manager replied yes.

Chair Wettenstein asked who wants to serve in the subcommittee

Motion: to approve volunteering Commissioners C. Nguyen, Don Peoples, and Robert Nunez as members of the Bylaws Subcommittee. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Bitbadal will coordinate the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the subcommittee.

**B. Annual Work Plan**

Ms. Bitbadal briefly reviewed the approved 2015 Commission Work Plan (fiscal year work plan); and thanked the Commission for their feedback. Vice Mayor Montano mentioned marketing in airport; gateway to Silicon Valley should be used in marquee. Chair Wettenstein felt a very good support for the Commission from the City Council during the Work Plan presentation. Vice Mayor Montano asked if it's possible to talk to the two hotel developers in adding charging stations onsite; staff will follow-up on this matter. Ms. Bitbadal said that she will give an update on the Work Plan at each Commission meeting as the Mayor asked for a quarterly update at the Council meeting. Commissioner Peoples asked Recording Secretary about the number of members for a quorum to be established. Ms. Currie replied 6 Commissioners. Vice Mayor Montano asked if it's possible to get bylaws samples from other cities and Economic Development Manager replied yes.

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**C. Appointment of a Commissioner to Milpitas Super Community Committee**

Staff's recommendation is for Commissioner Tsao or a member from the Special Projects Subcommittee to represent the Commission at this subcommittee. This Subcommittee is an organized marketing plan group planning for the 2016 National Football League Championship to be held at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara.

Motion: to appoint Commissioner Tsao as the main Commission representative and Commissioner Holthaus as the alternate Commission representative. Motion was made by Commissioner Brahmbhatt and seconded by Bhambhra. Motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. Other Business**

Commissioner Brahmbhatt informed the Commission that he had the opportunity to speak to the CA Circle hotel developers at a Planning Commission meeting and he suggested to them including solar panels in future development. Commissioner Peoples asked Vice Mayor to look at and evaluate the expansion of Newby Island Landfill. A few other discussions ensued amongst the Commissioners.

**IX. Upcoming Events –** Vice Mayor Montano reminded everyone of the Commissioners' Recognition Event on April 25, 2015 at 11:30 am in Milpitas Community Center Auditorium. Economic Development Manager Bitbadal informed the Commission that on April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting there will be a presentation to the Commission on the Serra Center Project. Recording Secretary Currie reminded all Commissioners of their Form 700 filing on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> to the City Clerk's Office.

**X. Adjourn –** Commissioner Peoples motioned, and seconded by Vice Chair Ablaza to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. The motion carried unanimously.